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Land: Christians must battle barbarism

NEW ORLEANS (BP and local reports) — Civilization stands at a fork in the road and will either ascend to greater heights or tumble into barbarism unless Christians reassert the value of all human life and absolute moral truth, Richard Land told a Founder's Day audience October 6 at New Orleans Seminary.

Land, president of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, said the future of civilization turns on two fundamental questions: Is moral truth real and knowable or is it merely a preference? A question of human value follows: Is mankind of value because of the essence of mankind, or only for what mankind can do?

These questions are at the heart of policy debates over abortion, embryonic stem cell research, cloning, physician-assisted suicide, euthanasia, and health care reform, said Land, who is scheduled to speak October 26 at the evening session of the Mississippi Baptist Pastor's Conference at First Church, Jackson. (Please see page two of this issue.)

Land reminded the audience of Christian author C.S. Lewis' warning of more than a half-century ago in *The Abolition of Man*. Lewis argued that human essence would be destroyed by "men without chests" — a scientific and technological elite that would possess mind and instinct but no heart or moral compass to govern thought and action.

"We would produce traitors and wonder why we had men without honor, and we would create moral geldings and then tell them to go forth and multiply," Land said.

Evidence of moral relativism can be found on college campuses, Land said, where professors report that students increasingly are incapable of judging Nazi atrocities as evil. According to Land, students increasingly say that while Americans have been trained not to kill people based on ethnicity, it is up to Germans to decide if the Nazis' actions were wrong.

"That's a long way from the society that condemned the Germans at the Nuremberg trials," Land said. "Some things are always wrong even if they're legal, and some things are right even if they're illegal."

Counter to Lewis' contention and contrary to the Judeo-Christian ethic, the British behaviorist B.F. Skinner argued that the essence of man, as well as freedom and dignity, are outmoded ideas. "This kind of knowledge/class bigotry that Lewis warned us about and Skinner became the poster boy for is barbarism with a Ph.D.," Land said.

Borrowing from the late American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, Land said that even barbarism accompanied with technological advantages remains barbarism.

"Denying life-saving health care to the elderly just because they're old, just because



Land

it's cost-effective, is no less barbaric than leaving your elderly to die of exposure on an ice floe or out in the jungle. The only difference is the sophistication with which the elderly are dispatched. It's still barbarism and must be called as such," Land said.

Land cited the words of Jesus in Matthew 5:13-16, in which the disciples are called to be salt and light in a depraved culture. "We are to be a people in whose presence it is easier to do and say and think the right thing, and in whose presence it is more difficult to do and say and think the wrong thing. We are to be a moral preservative in a dead, dying and decaying world."

However, Christians must engage the culture in order to meet Christ's mandate, he said. "If we are going to be obedient to the command to be salt and light, then we cannot withdraw from the world. We cannot go into a spiritual holding pattern, just going around in circles until it's time to go up and be with Jesus."

It is oxymoronic to believe that Christians should avoid controversy, Land said. "The Gospel by its very essence and nature is controversial. The Bible says that men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. You go shining the light into dark places and they start trying to shoot out your headlights. Salt does preserve, but it also

irritates and burns. There's something in the Gospel to offend all fallen flesh."

The need to be salt and light has never been greater, Land said, citing the current debate over health care reform. "We are being subjected as human beings by those who do think truth is relative, and by those who do think that human beings are defined by their functionality to what I call biological bigotry."

"It is a bigotry that is just as perverse, just as anti-Christian and anti-Gospel as the racial and ethnic bigotry of our past. It says that certain human beings are less valuable than other human beings because of their biological condition and their age."

Land called President Obama's chief health care adviser, Ezekiel Emanuel, the "poster boy" for this kind of thinking. Ezekiel Emanuel is the brother of Obama chief of staff Rahm Emanuel and a member of a presidential commission that Land said will "make decisions on what your doctors are allowed to do to treat you, and what they will not be allowed to do to treat you in the future."

Ezekiel Emanuel, Land said, has written articles in leading medical journals including the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and *The Lancet* calling for reform modeled after the British health care system.


Land said Ezekiel Emanuel argues that maximum access to health care should be reserved for those between the ages of 15-40. After 40, access to care should decline, bottoming out at around 65 because, as Land put it, "you've already had the chance to live a complete life and society needs to adjust as well to those who have complete lives left to live."

After age 59 and a half, Land said, British patients can't get dialysis or open-heart surgery, because they are not deemed cost-effective within that nation's health care system. Mortality rates for cancer, he added, are much higher in Britain than the U.S. because it is more difficult to get prompt diagnosis and treatment.

Land said Ezekiel Emanuel also argues that because society has already invested 10 years in the education and medical care of a 15-year-old, an older child takes precedent over an ill five-year-old.

"At the very least, Emanuel and his cohorts are saying that some human beings have lives less worthy of life than other human beings," Land said.

In the wake of these developments, Land said Christians must reassert the reality of absolute truth and the value of all human life — truths that are found in Scripture and in the Declaration of Independence.



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A few years back, I received a summons to jury duty. Being a registered voter means one's name is going to come up on the county's jury duty list at some point, and most folks routinely request to be relieved of this important civic responsibility rather than be inconvenienced for a few days.

I was no different. I sought out a notary public and attested that I was just too important at work and too busy and too irreplaceable to take time to serve a short jury duty obligation. Paperwork in hand, I reported to the courthouse on the first day of my summons to present my excuse to the judge.


Before accepting prospective jurors' opt-out requests that morning, however, the judge delivered a short but eloquent address on the importance of jury duty and the other calls to public service in our system of self-governance. I don't know if that judge is a constitutional scholar, but he sounded like one that day.

I was so moved that, for the first time in all the times I had been called for jury duty over the years, I tore up my pitiful excuse and took my seat in the courtroom. The judge had convinced me to do the right thing. My employer, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, backed me up and facilitated my wish to serve.

It so happened that the week I was serving jury duty, the court was scheduled to empanel a new grand jury. Now, serving on a petit jury to hear individual cases would have been a privilege, but serving on a grand jury was something I could not have anticipated.

By way of explanation, a petit jury sits during specific trials, hears evidence, and decides whether to convict someone of a crime. A grand jury meets once a month for six months to review evidence presented

A summons to serve



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bright people who were eventually exposed. On the other end of the spectrum, we heard evidence involving criminal acts that were too dumb to believe. There were far too many tragic cases of violence and child abuse.

Through it all, I learned that I thought possible about the county in which I had chosen to reside, and a renewed sense of personal responsibility and community spirit began to grow in me. I like to believe my fellow citizens benefited from my decision to serve, too. To this day, I wouldn't trade my jury duty experience for anything.

The annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will take place next week in Jackson. As with jury duty, many of us have decided we're just too important or too busy to take time to contribute a brief period of service to the Lord and our fellow Mississippi Baptists by attending this important gathering.

As with jury duty, however, the simple decision to serve will have far-reaching effects for better on both the individual and the organization. Important decisions will be made by the messengers who come to the 2009 annual meeting representing their individual churches. In our Baptist system of governance, the churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention make the important decisions on the direction of the convention's Kingdom work — not some distant ecclesiastical hierarchy of bishops and popes. The willingness of individuals in each Mississippi Baptist church to serve in this important representational role is critical to the continuing advancement of the Great Commission, both in our state and around the world.

To find out how to serve as a messenger to the 2009 annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, talk to your pastor. Serving will be an eye-opening experience, and you won't regret it. As a matter of fact, you'll be blessed

by law enforcement officers and then decides whether to indict an individual. If indicted by the grand jury, the individual goes to trial before a petit jury (unless a plea bargain is struck between the defendant and the district attorney).

During my six months on the grand jury, my fellow jurors and I heard every case of alleged criminal misconduct that had come to the attention of local law enforcement officers. Some of the cases involved sophisticated schemes put into place by very

and popes. The willingness of individuals in each Mississippi Baptist church to serve in this important representational role is critical to the continuing advancement of the Great Commission, both in our state and around the world.

Schedule set for '09 Miss. Baptist Pastor's Conference

2009 Mississippi Baptist Pastor's Conference

October 26
First Church, Jackson

Afternoon session

1:15 p.m. — Prelude/Praise

1:30 p.m. — Worship and Praise
Wayne Grothman
Associate Pastor, Music and Worship
First Church, Biloxi

1:45 p.m. — Welcome and Prayer
Argile Smith, President
2009 Pastor's Conference
Senior Pastor, First Church, Biloxi

2 p.m. — Message
Ron Meeks, Associate Professor
Biblical and Associated Studies
Director of Church Relations
Blue Mountain College

2:35 p.m. — Worship in Song

2:40 p.m. — Election of President
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2:45 p.m. — Worship in Song

2:50 p.m. — Message
Richard Land, President
Ethics and Religious Liberty
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Southern Baptist Convention
Nashville

3:25 p.m. — Worship and Praise
Wayne Grothman

3:30 p.m. — Otho Seals, Treasurer
Miss. Baptist Pastor's Conference
Minister of Education
First Church, Columbia

3:50 p.m. — Message
Tony Merida, Teaching Pastor
Temple Church, Hattiesburg

4:25 p.m. — Closing Prayer

Evening Session

6:30 p.m. — Worship and Praise
Wayne Grothman

6:35 p.m. — Welcome and Prayer
Argile Smith

6:50 p.m. — Recognition
Pastors

7:05 p.m. — Worship and Praise

7:15 p.m. — Message
Charles S. Kelley Jr., President
New Orleans Seminary

7:50 p.m. — Worship in Song

8 p.m. — Message
Danny Lanier, Pastor
Northcrest Church, Meridian

8:35 p.m. — Closing Prayer

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Baptists helping typhoon victims dig out

MANILA, Philippines (BP and local reports) — Thirty Southern Baptist disaster relief specialists have completed a week's labor in the Philippines capital, helping local partners and community residents dig out from a flood that inundated vast sections of the city.

"The past few weeks have been filled with disaster, starting with 16 inches of rain in one day that left metro Manila 80% flooded," said Gloria Fern, a Southern Baptist worker in the Philippines. "Then a typhoon made landfall three times up north, flooding out the top part of Luzon and destroying the entire rice crop. Landslides cut off the major roads, the major dams are all full and gates had to be opened, causing more flooding."

"The Laguna de Bay lake left surrounded towns in knee-deep flooding that will take five months to subside, and there are two more storms on the horizon."

The Philippines government has estimated about six million people were affected by typhoons Ketsana and Parma. More than 287,000 people remain in evacuation centers.

The Southern Baptist volunteers — 29 men and one woman from Texas, Oklahoma, and Kentucky — have been helping local residents shovel out their homes, enduring difficult work conditions and the stench of rotting debris, Fern said.

Some of the work has been done in pastors' homes and

church buildings, while the rest has focused on the community in general.

"We took them to Malanday, Marikina, which was flooded up to the second story in many areas," Fern said. "I was so impressed with their expertise, commitment, and just good old 'git busy and git 'er done' attitude and yet taking time to talk to people and even pass out lollipops to the kids."

"The smell was putrid, rotting, two-weeks-old sewer and garbage, yet everyone there smiled and chatted with us like it was just another normal day," Fern added. "We are so proud to see these brave, rugged Baptist men who are trained to go to some of the worst disasters ever and clean up!"

One volunteer, Ray Fultz of Crestwood Church in Frankfort, Ky., was injured when a nail pierced the middle finger of his right hand while he was helping clean out a church building, according to Kathy North, another Southern Baptist worker in the Philippines. While Fultz was up to date on his tetanus shots, the finger became infected over the weekend and a doctor was tending to the wound.

Flooding often is followed by severe medical concerns and



MISSION VOLUNTEERS — Southern Baptist disaster relief specialists get to work in Manila, helping residents dig out after flooding that inundated 80% of the city. (BP photo courtesy of Baptist Global Response)

that is the case in Manila, noted Jim Brown, U.S. director for Baptist Global Response, in international relief and development organization.

"News reports indicate the water is still waist-deep, even chest-deep in places," Brown said. "It has been standing for three weeks now. The longer water stagnates, the greater the risk of diseases like malaria, dengue fever, diarrhea — even typhoid."

Fern echoed that concern. "The cities of Marikina, Cainta and Pasig are in dire need of medical teams, but

even before that they need front loaders and more dump trucks to even make a dent in the mounds and mounds of garbage heaped less than a foot from their doors."

Residents of the community where the volunteers are working have been deeply moved by the fact that Southern Baptists care enough to come help people in need, even in the most difficult of circumstances, Fern said.

"Thank you for caring about our fellow Christians in this community and the lost people around them," she said.

Pew: quarter of world's population is Islamic

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Nearly one in four people worldwide is Muslim, according to a comprehensive demographic study by The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life.

The estimate is in line with previous data from other sources like the United Nations and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. The statistic should remind Southern Baptists that the world is full of people who need to hear the Gospel, said a spokesman for the International Mission Board (IMB).

According to the study, 1.57 billion, or 23%, of the world's estimated 6.8 billion people are Muslim. This number fits almost in the middle of the high estimate of about 26% and the lower end of 21% popularly used as ranges to describe the global Muslim population.

By comparison, the worldwide Christian population is estimated to be about 2.2 billion, or one in three people on the planet, according to the CIA Factbook.

In 2010, Pew plans to launch a comprehensive study of the Christian population and to release a more comprehensive report on Muslims. Pew plans

to investigate growth rates for both religions.

More than 60% of the global Muslim population lives in Asia while about 20% is in the Middle East and North Africa. More than 300 million Muslims live in countries where Islam is not the majority religion, Pew said.

Of the total Muslim population, Pew estimated that about 90% are Sunni Muslims and roughly 10% are Shia Muslims living mainly in four countries — Iran, Pakistan, India, and Iraq.

In the largest project of its kind to date, Pew analyzed about 1,500 sources of data from 232 countries and territories as part of a more extensive report due out next year aimed at helping people understand religion around the world.

Clyde Meador, IMB's executive vice president, said the report should motivate believers to reach a world that is lost without Christ. "The thing we need to realize — for instance, the fact that there are 300 million Muslims living in countries that are not majority Muslim — is that here are these 300 million people living in places where likely they are more accessible

to hearing the Gospel, and quite possibly they are more open to the Gospel in those settings."

"Where is there a greater accessibility to them than right here in the United States? Our responsibility is to love these people and to share with them truth as we have opportunity."

Overseas, Southern Baptists seek to make the truth of the Gospel available among Muslims wherever they find openness. In some countries where Islam is the majority religion, such as Indonesia, believers actually

have the freedom to share the Gospel wisely, Meador said.

In India, with the third largest Muslim population in the world, there is tremendous freedom to share among the Muslim population, he said, adding that the task grows more difficult in places like Pakistan and the Middle East.

"I think if at any point we say that there's no use, that they're beyond the Gospel or we shouldn't be trying to reach them, I think we absolutely contradict Scripture," he said.

Looking back

10 years ago

The executive committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board approves a name change as the Student Work Department of the MBCB becomes the Collegiate Ministry Department.

20 years ago

First Church, Shannon, breaks ground for a new sanctuary and education building. A fire in Dec. 1988 destroyed the previous facilities. The new sanctuary seats 750 for worship, in addition to improved adult education space and office facilities.

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"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.

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PERFECTIONISM

I have a deep appreciation for people who want things done right, whether it is writing a paper, cooking a meal, or playing a sport. It is a good thing to try to be the best that you can be but perfectionism, whether it is self-imposed or super-imposed on others, can be a destructive thing.

A church had begun a daycare because of so many low-income people in their area who needed the help. A lot of work and over \$200,000 had gone into trying to set up the daycare operation. Finally, it opened but in short order it closed. When asked why they shut down the operation the answer was simple. The multiplicity of government regulations made it impossible for them to stay open and function. It was an endless list of nitpicking government oversight that closed the doors - perfectionism.

Just for an example, the inspectors came in and ordered that all of the pegs on the coat rack be changed. They were too close together. The requirements called for the pegs being one foot apart and theirs were much too close. Why the one foot spacing? Because government studies (that no doubt we the taxpayers had paid for) revealed that lice could only jump a maximum of 11 1/2 inches and so the pegs had to be put 12 inches apart.

Perfectionism can be a hurtful and harmful thing wherever it is applied. For instance, when you apply perfectionism to yourself you might find that life is miserable beyond description. I have known people and watched friends and church members literally destroy relationships and ruin their own health because they have to keep everything up to 100%. Eventually there is no time to sleep, relax, or take care of any of their personal needs because they live in emotional tension all of the time.



Directions

Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer
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Equally destructive is when we apply perfectionism to others, whether it is morally or even physically. It is not a healthy thing when you think that everybody else should live up to your standard of perfection for them. Parents often impose their desire for perfection on to their children. Sometimes it is in sports, sometimes in beauty pageants, and sometimes in academics. They demand that their child live up to the parent's perfection. Now, you understand that the parent may not be at that standard and maybe has never been there.

Through the years I have watched folks demand of their

kids what they never demanded of themselves and never achieved in school but for some odd reason they think that little Johnny or Sally should be living up to the standards that mom or dad wants to impose upon them. I am aware that people grow up, recognize their shortcomings, and do not want their children to follow in the same path, and that is a good thing, but as you impose your parental authority, do so with a little bit of grace and gentle encouragement rather than your heavy-handed demands.

A final thought about perfectionism is in regard to blind spots. All of us, every

last one of us, have areas in our lives that we do not see. Others see them but we do not. Others may wish we did and even if they told us, we probably would not see them but I promise you that they are there. Not only do we have actions, attitudes, and warped areas in our blind spots, but I will also promise you that there are some folks who are irritated by what is your blind spot.

What is the point? Well, the point is that we would be wise to live with a measure of grace in our lives. The point is what Paul was emphasizing in Ephesians 4:32 when he said, "Be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Amen!

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HOUSE TOPS.

Matthew 10:27 NAS

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Mississippi Bivocational
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Bivo Council & Banquet during Convention

Brothers, smart ladies and friends ... we have a big day planned at the start of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Our council will convene at 3 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2009, in the Skyroom on the 4th floor of the Baptist Building

All Mississippi bivocational/small church **MINISTERS AND THEIR WIVES** are invited to a **BANQUET AND DIALOGUE** at 5 p.m. We will break at 6:30 to attend the Pastors Conference at FBC, Jackson.

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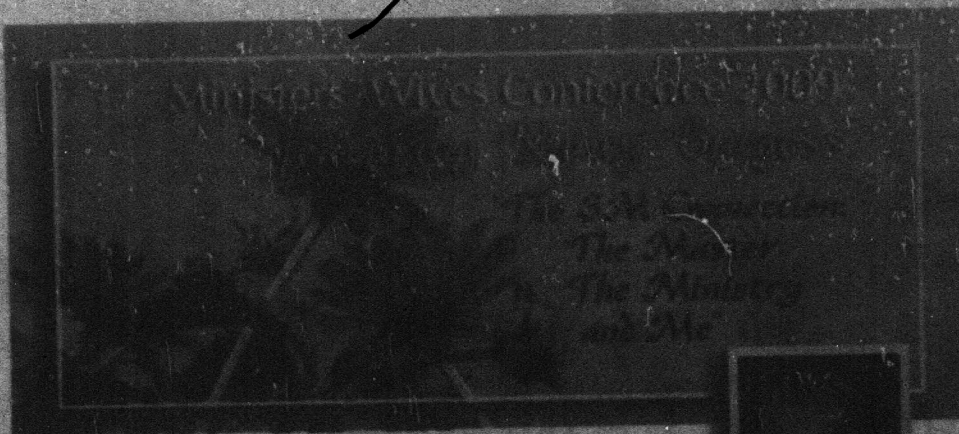
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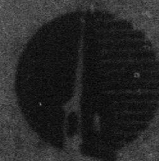
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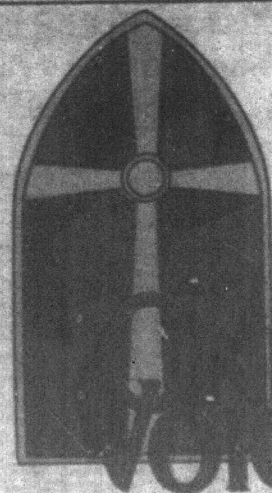
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Pray for church planting efforts in Indiana. Pray for church planter, Max Anders, and the church plant, Geist Chapel in Fishers, IN.

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Charlie Fehman is the church planter of Fishers Plant in Fishers, IN. Pray that Mississippi Baptists will network together to send volunteers to help the ministry of this church plant.

(1) John is an Asian church catalyst. Pray for more church planters to work with Asian people groups. Also ask God to give wisdom and power to John as he preaches. Pray that Asian churches will develop a prayer network.

Pray for these Convention Events: (1) MBCB 100-member Board (Exec. Admin.); (2) Mississippi Baptist Christian Educators Fellowship (CE); (3) Ministers' Wives Conference (P/LD); (4) Mississippi Council on Bivocational/Small Church Ministries Meeting Supper (P/LD); (5) Lay Mission Banquet (NM).

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. There is not one person in the world who does not belong to the Lord and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to HIM. (Sarah Patterson quote) (WMU Emphasis).

(1) Pray for the Student Minister's Retreat, Lake Tlak OYha, Louisville, 9th-11th. (2) Gary is special ministries coordinator for the Charleston Association. Pray for faithful volunteers to serve and hearts of disaster survivors to be open to the Gospel.

Pray for these Convention Events: (1) Seminary Extension Directors (SBC) Breakfast, Baptist Building-Chapel, Jackson, 7-8 a.m. (P/LD); (2) Chaplains' Fall Banquet, Baptist Building, Jackson, 4-5:30 p.m. (NM); (3) Mississippi Baptist Convention Board meeting (Exec. Admin.).

Chris Hoffman is the church planter of the South Goshen Plant in Goshen, IN. Pray for this church start and pray that God will lead MS Baptists to support this ministry.

Joeli is director of the Pago Pago Seafarers Center and Christian Fellowship. Pray for him and his wife, Tupe, as they begin to rebuild after the September 29 tsunami destroyed the center. Pray for the salvation of internationalists from China, Vietnam, Indonesia, Peru, etc., as they are ministered to at the center.

Pray for Candace Kinchen from Pearl, MS, who has gone for one year to develop relationships and ministry at Langara College in Vancouver.

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(1) Baptist Building AT HOME DAYS; (2) Pray for David Haskell in Memphis, IN, as he begins a new church in that city. Pray for God to lead David and Mississippi Baptists to work together in starting this new church.

Alan is a British man who was recently challenged to consider Jesus. He said he might if he had some type of a "revelation." It was suggested that he read "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis. Pray for God to speak to his heart and "reveal" Himself to him in an undeniable way.

Pray for church planter Tony Manning and the church plant, Hamilton Village in Fishers, IN. Pray that Mississippi churches will form a network of prayer support around this work.

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(1) Larry is a Civil Air Patrol (CAP) chaplain. Pray for opportunities to minister and share the Gospel with CAP volunteers involved in emergency services and cadet character development. (2) Timothy is a church planter pastor working for the Canadian National Convention.

Maurice is a church planting strategist for Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Pray God will lead him to the least evangelized areas where people are ready to start Bible studies that will later become churches.

Pray for B., a student from Southern Miss., who is serving in China this semester, as he spends time with local students and leads them in weekly Bible Study. Pray that this study will continue even when B. has to leave at the end of the semester.

Continue to pray for the Henderson family from Agricola Baptist Church as they study Spanish in Costa Rica in preparation for service with the International Mission Board in Lima, Peru.

Please pray for a team from Temple Baptist Church in Moss Point as they travel to Africa. Pray for the ministry opportunities that await this team.

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(1) Pray for new Bible studies as Timothy and Naomi reach out to Asian immigrants in Montreal. Pray for wisdom and boldness. (2) Mike is campus ministry director for the Central NY Region. Pray for wisdom about the future of these campus ministries and that God would continue to raise strong leaders in the group.

A team from Calvary Baptist Church in Yazoo City, MS, is traveling to Mexico. Please pray for the members of this team as the travel and serve.

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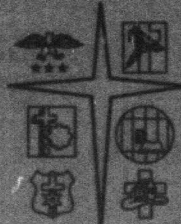
(1) Kevin is a pastor and volunteer chaplain. Pray for revival and for Kevin as he ministers to terminally ill patients. (2) Gary is a church enrichment missionary strategist with the Indiana Convention. Pray for struggling churches to overcome obstacles and be successful in their efforts to reach that area for Christ.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Monday November 2

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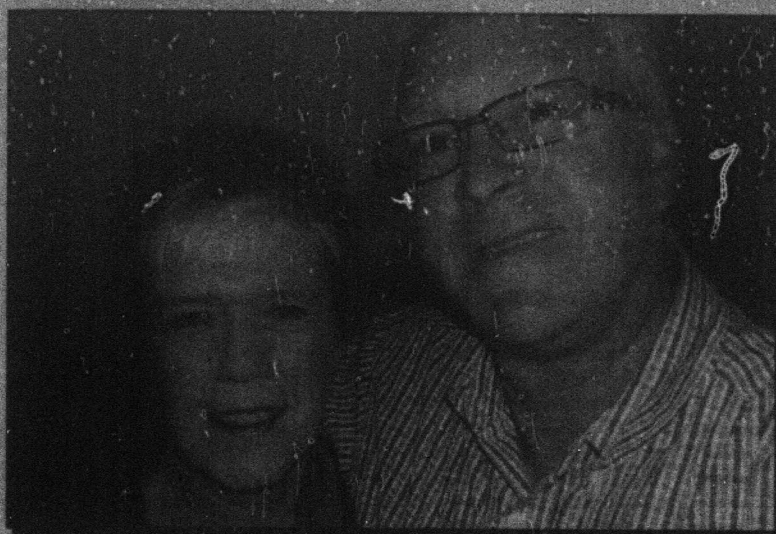
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HOUSE TOPS

JUST FOR THE RECORD



2. The Tappers



3. Antioch Church, Union



4. Mississippi Association



5. Highland Church, Crystal Springs

1. First Church, Clara, will host its annual autumn celebration Nov. 8, 4 p.m. Event includes games, silent auction, hamburger and hot dog supper; proceeds go to the SBC World Hunger Relief Offering. For more information, call (601) 735-9236.

2. Calvary Church, Pascagoula, has called Derrick Tapper as pastor effective Oct. 4. Shown are Tapper and his wife Laura.

3. The youth of Antioch Church, Union, performed at a revival at Ramer Church, Ramer, Tenn., July 13. Shown are the participants.

4. Mississippi Association held an RA/GA race-off at Mt. Olive Church. Shown are the participants.

5. The youth of Highland Church, Crystal Springs, participated in a week-long mission trip to the Baptist Mission Centers of Houston, Tex. They are shown with five summer missionaries and center directors Tommie and Roy Mendez.

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REVIVALS AND HOMECOMINGS

1. New Hope Church, Sumrall: 176th anniversary and homecoming; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., followed by covered dish lunch at 1:15 p.m.; Burl Patterson, speaker; Jeffery Coulter, music; Charles Broome, pastor.

2. Holly Church, Corinth: Revival, Nov. 1-4; Sun., 8:45, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Ryan Fontenot, speaker; John Sayger, music; John Boler, pastor.

3. Salem Church, Tylertown: Homecoming, Oct. 25; worship, 10 a.m., followed by lunch; Ricky Gray, speaker; God's Grace, music; Mark Wicker, pastor.

4. Maybank Church, Hattiesburg: Homecoming, Oct. 25; worship, 10 a.m., followed by covered dish lunch and afternoon singing (love offering); Barry Armstrong, speaker; Meyers Family, music; Jon Kittrell, pastor.

5. LeMoyné Blvd. Church, Biloxi: Revival, Nov. 1-4; Sun., 8:30, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Phillip Price, Jim Hamm, and Danny Henderson, speakers; Monti Bounds, Southern Psalm with Jimmy Wally, J.R. Walley, and Tony Staires, music.

6. Puckett Church, Puckett: Revival, Oct. 25-28; Sun., 11 a.m. followed by covered dish lunch and 7 p.m. nightly; Bill Patterson, speaker; Danny Brock, music; Grant McElveen, pastor.

7. Arlington Church, Beaumont: Revival, Oct. 25-28; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; service, 11 a.m. followed by dinner and afternoon service; Wayne Meyers, speaker.

8. Cascilla Church, Cascilla: Revival, Nov. 1-4, 6:30 p.m. nightly; Chuck Provine, Dax Summerhill, Keith Harris, and Fletcher Moorman, speakers.

9. Northcrest Church, Meridian: Homecoming, Nov. 1, beginning at 9:15 a.m.

10. West Side Church, Macon: Homecoming, Oct. 25; worship, 11 a.m., followed by covered dish meal; Michael Duff, speaker; Allan Mapp, music.

11. First Church, Magnolia: Revival, Nov. 1-4; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Bill Strum, speaker; Ronnie Cottingham, music.

12. DeSoto Church, Clarke County: Revival, Nov. 1-4; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; LeBron Matthews, speaker; Buddy McElroy, music; Keith Tankersley, pastor.

13. Oak Grove Church, Neshoba Association: Homecoming, Oct. 25, 10:30 a.m., followed by covered dish lunch; Wayne Burkes, speaker; Reggie Lovorn, music; Clinton Dearing, pastor.

14. Macedonia Church, Meridian (Suqualena community): Revival and homecoming, Nov. 1-4; Sun., 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds and afternoon singing; Mon. - Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Albert (Hack) McMullen, speaker; Benny Egger, music; Virgil Waters, pastor.

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COLLEGE NEWS

1. General registration for William Carey University's winter trimester is Friday, Nov. 6 and late registration is Nov. 9 through Nov. 12. The trimester ends February 16. The Admissions Office has also scheduled Admissions Open House events on Nov. 13 and Dec. 11 to give prospective students and their families the opportunity to tour the campus and learn valuable information about admissions, scholarships and financial aid. For a complete winter and J-Term schedule visit the university website at www.wmcarey.edu. The Admission Open Houses are scheduled from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Student Conference Center of Wilkes Dining Hall on the

Hattiesburg campus. Lunch will be provided free of charge. Call (800) 962-5991 ext. 103 for reservations.

2. Mississippi College's Table Tennis Team captured four trophies, including first place at a Pensacola tournament to benefit the American Heart Association. MC newcomer Bill Cai, a native of China, received a first place trophy for his victory in the championship division title match. Cai knocked off Florida State University's top-ranked player, Olmo

Zavala, in three straight games. Shown are teammates Bill Cai, Captain Ken Qui, Zhicheng Liang, and Ou Lan.

3. William Carey University assistant professor of biology Julie Smith-Rogers and her ten year old son Brady recently published the children's book *The Culinary Capers of Canon & Lily: Canon Grows a Garden*. Smith-Rogers is available for readings and book signings. Contact her at julie.smithrogers@wmcarey.edu.



2. Cai, Qui, Liang, and Lan

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION MEETINGS

1. The Mississippi Alumni of Southwestern Seminary will meet during the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The alumni will meet at noon, October 27, at First Church, Jackson, Chapel West dining room. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased from Paul Blanchard, AMD for Winston Baptist Association. Send all requests to P.O. Box 867, Louisville, MS 39339. We request that all tickets be purchased in advance in order to be able to inform First Church, Jackson, of the number of meal reservations needed.

2. Mississippi College Alumni dessert social, Oct. 26, 8:30 p.m.; First Church, Jackson, Christian Life Center dining room, 2nd floor, CLC.

3. New Orleans Seminary will host an alumni luncheon on October 27 during the 2009 annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall West at First Church, Jackson, the site of the annual meeting. Guest speaker is Chuck Kelley, president of New Orleans Seminary. Tickets are \$10 per person. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Matt Buckles, pastor, First Church, Vicksburg, at P.O. Box 390, Vicksburg, MS 39181. Telephone: (601) 636-2493. E-mail: buckles@fbcvicksburg.org.

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1. Cascilla Church, Cascilla, will host its 2nd annual stew gathering Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m. Free Brunswick stew will be served as long as it lasts.

2. Antioch Church, Union, will host a fall festival Oct. 31, 3:30 p.m., with Christian clowns, a magician, carnival booths, trunk or treat, hayrides, homemade soups and stews; from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., the church will host a praise explosion for youth with skits, testimonies, door prizes, and music.

3. Southside Church, Vicksburg, will host a fall festival Nov. 7, 1 - 5 p.m., with games, races, relays, food, and music with the Revelations Quartet.

4. Bluff Springs Church, Magnolia, is hosting a fall festival Oct. 31, 3 - 5 p.m., with food, games, hayride, cupcake walk, cake auction, and trunk or treat.

5. Summerland Church, Taylorsville, will host a trunk or treat fall festival Oct. 31, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. featuring candy, food, hayrides, pony rides, space jumps, prizes, etc.

6. Goss Church, Marion Association, is having its 6th annual Blessing of the Hunt Nov. 12, 5 p.m. Jason Cruise, guest speaker, includes door prizes, vendors, and two grand prizes. Free. Mark McArthur, pastor.

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BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

The Hero Victorious

Mark 15:1-5, 12-13, 32, 37-39; 16:1, 5-7

By Ken Anderson

In October of 1982 at Badger Stadium in Madison, Wisconsin, 60,000 die-hard fans were watching their football team play the Michigan State Spartans. It soon was evident that the Spartans had the better team. As the score became more lopsided, the Wisconsin fans burst out with applause and shouts of joy. How could they cheer when defeat was inevitable? In truth many of the fans were listening to portable radios and responding to something other than the immediate circumstance. For seventy miles away the Milwaukee Brewers were beating the St. Louis Cardinals in the third game of the World Series (Leadership, vol. 15, no. 4). This lesson is about Jesus' apparent defeat

and death and His victorious resurrection.

Stand Tall 1-5:

Jesus' integrity stayed the course toward His purpose as mankind's suffering-servant substitute. After His arrest in Gethsemane the religious leaders held an illegal night trial. When they asked Jesus if He was the Christ, He responded "...I am..." (14:62). When Pilate asked "...Art thou the King of the Jews?" Christ's response was "...thou sayest it" (KJV), which is a Hebrew idiom for "what you say is true" (Vs. 3). Jesus is every Christian's example of an unqualified stance of faithfulness to God in the presence of pressure from the world.

Christ's accusers were not satisfied with His confession, so they braced their charge with further accusations (Vs. 4). Jesus' response was silence. Christians



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do not travel far in faith to learn that not every accusation merits a response.

Stand Alone 12-13:

It was the custom of the Roman governors to free a prisoner of the people's choice, in recognition of the Passover. James A. Brooks comments, "Pilate had unconditional power of amnesty (regardless of any practice of releasing a prisoner at feast time) and could have released both prisoners. Mark seems to make the point that he did not release Jesus because of the danger of a riot if he did." (The New America Commentary, vol. 23, p. 252). The chief priest and scribes continued their contempt toward Jesus during his crucifixion. Jesus met their jeers to save himself with constraint (Vs. 32). He could have asked for and received from God vast armies of angels to defeat all his enemies (Matt. 26:53). Yet, forsaken and alone, with no human support, save for some women (vs. 40), Jesus did not sway from

being the sacrificial substitute for mankind's sin.

Stand Amazed 37-39:

When Jesus breathed his last, the veil in the Temple that separated the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies was split from top to bottom. The act was symbolic of the end of the Temple sacrificial system and the opening of a new way of direct access to God. The Roman Centurion discerned that Jesus was an innocent man. He may not have understood salvation completely but he understood better than the rabble crowd that Christ was unique as the Son of God.

Stand Victorious 6:1, 5-7:

The women made a loving journey to the tomb of Jesus to add spices to Jesus's body. Their concern about the large stone placed over the tomb was eliminated. Instead of finding the body of Jesus in the tomb, a young man (an angel) met them. His announcement of Christ's resurrection left them "dumfounded," (REB), or "amazed" (HCSB). The angel instructed them to tell the disciples, especially Peter,

that Christ would meet them in Galilee as He promised (14:28). The disciples met Christ in Galilee and returned with Him to Jerusalem for the ascension. Now life would never be the same.

Insights: The angel gave the broken-hearted women a command, "Go and tell." In other words, comfort others with what you have experienced today. How often God gives an active command to sorrowing hearts, "Go, tell." See the power and presence of God in your situation and tell others of it" (Through Suffering and Victory, Lionel Whiston, p.153).

When the outstanding preacher W. E. Sangster could no longer preach, due to muscular atrophy, he wrote on Easter morning, "How terrible to awaken on Easter morning and not be able to shout, 'The Lord is risen!'" (A Meeting Place, Wetton Gaddy, April 19, p. 7). While there is still time, tell the good news of the gospel with a clear strong voice.

Anderson is Transitional Pastor, Tremont First Church, Tremont.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

When I Have Doubts

Psalms 73

By Ginger M. Caughman

The Psalmist struggled with why some evil people prosper. Sometimes we struggle too. Other times doubt plagues the human mind, heart, and spirit. Self-doubt, life situations, a spirit of fear and other circumstances dampen our daily walk. What's a Christian to do? Like the Psalmist, "Draw near to God!" (v. 28). Confront doubts, change your perspective, and affirm spiritual values!

Bill Gaither went through a terrible time of illness, doubt and depression (Fall 1969). With two preschoolers (three-months and four) Gloria learned she was expecting again.

They were filled with fear, uncertainty, and doubt about world conditions. In beautiful prose Gloria describes what God was teaching them. After God's blessing of healthy baby Benjamin, "a few weeks later, words and music poured from

our hearts. It isn't because the world is stable that we have courage to live or start marriages or have children. Jesus Himself was born into the cruellest and most unstable of worlds. No, we keep trusting and risk living because the Resurrection is true and is a principle built into the very fabric of our being!"

CONFRONT YOUR DOUBTS, vv. 1-12

The musician Asaph affirms his faith (v. 1) and states how he had questioned the prosperity of the wicked and suffering of the righteous. Compare Psalms 73 with Psalm 37! Spurgeon teaches us: "Curiously, this Seventy-Third Psalm corresponds in subject with the Thirty-Seventh! Remember this fact by noticing the reverse figures." Both Psalms wonder how the wicked can thrive?

In a chapter titled, "Doubt" Eugenia Price declares, "There is



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no moral power in doubt and questioning, but both can lead somewhere if we do not become entrenched in them. Ruts wear quickly in our brains and the habit of doubt and questioning can land us in those ruts unless we see to it that we stay in motion" (No

Pat Answers, Zondervan, 1972, p. 109). Honest soul-seeking questions will be answered by our Lord. Remember Jesus met the needs of His disciple Thomas, dispelled his honest doubts, and set him free to believe! God will do this for us.

CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE, vv. 13-20

"Living in doubt can destroy. Doubt is negative and has no life and no motion, except backward. Cynicism, chronic doubt of other people can rob us of ever finding love, friendship or peace" (Price, p. 113).

Serious depression requires treatment. A Texas writer friend had a severe dark night of soul and the emotional courage to write honestly about the experience in her

book, "When God Walks Away" by Kaye P. McKee (Crossroad Publishing, 2006). If you feel despondent and without hope, you may need to seek professional counseling. Sometimes God works His will through doctors.

"The Psalmist wondered if his piety had been for nothing" (Holman) until he went into God's sanctuary! Worship changes us!

AFFIRM SPIRITUAL VALUES, vv. 21-28

At times in our journey we must reaffirm our faith: "I know that my Redeemer lives!" (See Job 19: 25-27).

By His Holy Spirit, reading an assigned passage aloud during a worship service, the words of Scripture spoke new truth to my hungry heart: Even darkness is not dark to our God! (See Psalm 139:12).

"The Psalmist came to understand, he was sustained by God, not his own will. God's grace would lead him to eternal glory!" (Vv. 23-24, Holman Bible Handbook, p. 341).

I was driving to and from a visit with Mother, 92, last week. Stretching before me were many

paved Mississippi highways. Song fragments played in my mind as I sang aloud: "...It's a highway paved with grace, all the way home!" An old spiritual declares, "This world is not my home; I'm just 'a passing through.'" We live in a house not built with hands; our spiritual bodies will outlive this earth.

"Because He Lives," the book title of the stories and inspiration behind the songs of Bill and Gloria Gaither (Zondervan, 1997) is also a major theme song for Christians everywhere. God gave the Gaithers song after a dark season. Gloria wrote: "Over the years this song has returned to reassure us of the central truth of life: Because Christ lives, we can face tomorrow." Indeed we can face each moment of today because God is our strength forever!

PRAYER: Father, I praise You that even in my darkness there is no darkness in You. You are light, strength, hope, grace and glory! I worship You. Praise Jesus! Amen.

Caughman teaches the Bible and sings in two choirs at First Church, Magee.

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1. Mann



2. Calvary Church, Columbia



1. Highland Church, Tishomingo County, recognized Nelda Mann for 53 years of teaching Aug. 23 with a plaque and reception.

2. Calvary Church, Columbia, honored Buford Ashley with the title of deacon emeritus for 50 years of service. Shown, right, is Ashley.

3. First Church, Grenada, ordained Keith Johnson as deacon. Shown are Ken Sneed, Johnson, and interim pastor Jim Nunnelee.

4. First Church, Greenwood, ordained Bob Craig and Michael Fair as deacons. Shown are Craig, Fair, and pastor Joe Pate.

5. The Acteens of Evergreen Church, Louisville, hosted the annual WMU luncheon in October. The Acteens gave the program, prayer calendar, and served the meal to the WMU. The girls were also recognized for their Mission Quest activities. Shown are the participants.

6. Clear Branch Church, Florence, held children's day Aug. 30, with the children leading the music and bringing special music. Shown are the participants.

7. Union Church, Alcorn Association, celebrated the burning of the bank note on their Family Life Center Oct. 11. Shown are members of the building committee with the pastor and deacons.

8. Loop Road Church, Richton, hosted a house warming and shower for their pastor and wife, Rory and Renee Dill celebrating the remodeling of the parsonage. Shown are the Dills.

9. Evansville Church, Arkabulta, sponsored a skeet shoot recently, with 15 youth and adults participating. Shown are third place winner Michael Hensley, third place winner Bryant (Sue) Hawkins, and first place winner Sharky Luna.

10. First Church, Mt. Pleasant, ordained Mike Meadows and Donnie Potts as deacons Sept. 20. Shown are Meadows and Potts. Donald J. LaBelle, pastor.



7. Union Church, Alcorn Association



8. Loop Road Church, Richton



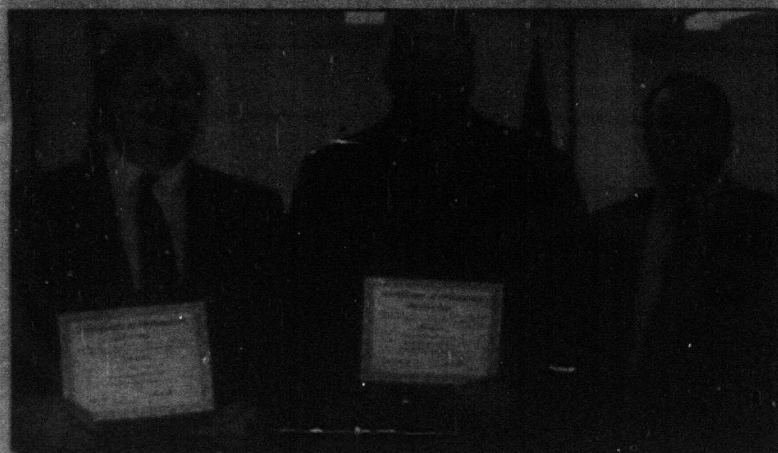
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